SESAME – a Regional Research Opportunity Andrea Lausi

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The origins of SESAME



Sergio Fubini

Eliezer Rabinovici

CERN/MESC **Middle East Scientific** Cooperation

January 1995 in Cairo

Memorandum of Understanding to establish a. Condensed Matter, Environmental and High Energy Physics Collaborative Research in the Middle East

I. Introduction

Under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Venice K. Gouda, Minister of State for Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and as a continuation of the correspondence between representatives of: the National Research Centre (Cairo), the Racah Institute of Physics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Physics. Departments of the Universities of Cagliari and Torino, a working visit of Prof. Alberto Devoto (University of Cagliari), Prof. Sergio Fubini (University of Torino), and Prof. Eliezer Rabinovici (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) was held in Cairo on January 7 and 8, 1995. The Egyptian participants in these meetings were:

- 1. Prof. Dr. M.M. El Halwagi, First Under-Secretary, Ministry of State for Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 2. Prof. Dr. Naiel Barakat, Professor of Experimental Physics, Ain Shams University 3
- Prof. Dr. Sawsan Abdel Zaher, Head of Physics Division, NRC
- Prof. Dr. Ahmed Fakhri, Research Professor, Atomic Spectroscopy, NRC 4
- 5. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Tag Eldin, Head, Theoretical Physics Dept., NRC
- 6. Mr. A.I. El-Ibiary, Legal Advisor for NIOF.

The purpose of the meetings was to outline practical ways for collaboration in the fields of Condensed Matter, Environmental and High Energy Physics within the context of the above-mentioned parties.

It was agreed that:

i) It is of great importance to strengthen the scientific relationships between the above-mentioned parties in the various fields of Condensed Matter, Environmental and High Energy Physics for the benefit of common human knowledge.

ii) The parties recognize that important scientific achievements in Condensed Matter, Environmental and High Energy Physics can only be achieved through meaningful and sincere collaboration between experts, independently of their nationalities.

iii) Training of young scientists and researchers is of major importance and all the involved Institutions have the responsibility of contributing to their training in Condensed Matter, Environmental and High Energy Physics.

For these reasons the above-mentioned Institutions will take the initiative in developing a fruitful collaboration both in research and training.

IV. Finance

In order to develop a long-term collaboration; the parties agree to prepare joint research projects to be submitted in the near future to International funding agencies and World Organizations. -The parties agree not to delay the actual collaborative activities until the approval of the above-mentioned research projects and agree to start the collaborative work with the available funds.

To this end:

a) Travel expenses, accommodation and per diem of Egyptian and Israeli scientists invited to courses and scientific activities in the Italian Institutions will be taken care of by the Italian Institutions.

b) The Egyptian side will provide accommodation for Israeli and Italian Scientists invited to stay at Egyptian Institutions, within the scope of joint reserach collaboration (this does not include the International meeting mentioned under item III(c), for which special funding arrangements will be sought).

c) Travel expenses, accommodation and per diem of Egyptian and Italian scientists and students invited to courses and scientific activities at the Racah Institute will be taken care of by the Israeli Institute.

In summary, the above-mentioned Institutions consider this agreement as a sound base for collaboration in both research and training.

Signed in Cairo on January 8, 1995, in three originals in English.

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Prof. Sergio Fubini

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Mokhtar El Halwagi M.M. ElHalw Z First Under-Secretary of State Ministry of Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt Cairo, Egypt

Representative of the Scientific Committee for the Middle East Workshop Torino, Italy

Eliczer Rabinavici Prof. Eliczer Rabinovici

Chairman Racah Institute of Physics Jerusalem, Israel

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CERN/MESC Middle East Scientific Cooperation

November 1995 in Dahab, Egypt

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS LC.T.P., P.O. BOX 586, 34100 TRIESTE, ITALY, CABLE: CENTRATOM TRIESTE

Trieste, July 20, 1995

Prof. S. Fubini Chairman of the Scientific Committee for the Sinai School of Physics, Universita di Torino Torino, Italy

cc: Prof. G. Denardo Prof. A. Devoto Prof. E. Rabinovici

Dear Prof. Fubini,

I'm happy to let you know that the ICTP has decided to grant a special contribution of 22,000 \$ for the organization of the "Sinai Meeting on High Energy Physics, Condensed Matter and Environmental Physics" to be held in Dahab (Egypt) from 19 to 26 November 1995.

This contribution will be given to the Organizing Committee at its address in Israel.

Yours sincerely,

Miguel A. Virasoro ICTP Director Action plan for a collaborative programme in physics in the Middle East.

As part of the implementation of the collaboration agreement signed in Cairo on January 8th ,1995 under the auspices of H.E. Prof. Dr. Venice K. Gouda, Minister of State for Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt;

In the spirit of the agreement to promote co-operative work in fields that have impact on peoples' lives and standards of living, facilitating the use of equipment and expertise to support and collaborate in the ongoing peace process;

As a consequence of fruitful discussions among scientists of the Middle East held during a successful meeting in Dahab, Sinai from November 19 to November 26, 1995 under the chairmanship of Professor Sergio Fubini, acting also as delegate of the Minister of University and Scientific and Technological Research of Italy, attended by 125 scientists: American, Argentinian, British, Egyptian, French, German, Israeli, Italian, Japanese, Jordanian, Moroccan, Palestinian, Spanish, and honoured by the presence of Prof. Dr. Venice K. Gouda, Minister of State for Scientific Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Prof. Jacob Ziv, President of the Israel Academy of Science and Humanities, Prof. Miguel A. Virasoro, Director of ICTP and Dr. Adnan Badran, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO;

It was decided:

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-To create a "Steering Committee for International Collaboration in the Middle East on Basic and Applied Physics" under the auspices of UNESCO, ICTP and the Italian government.

The tasks of this committee will be:

 To promote collaboration between scientists in Egypt, Israel, Italy and other scientists in the region; to identify research groups with common interests and to facilitate research collaboration and the exchange of scientists and students;

2. The committee will initiate, promote and support other meetings and regional Schools of Physics. The next School is planned to take place in Jerusalem and Bethlehem in May 1996, on the subject of the Physics of Detectors.

3. The establishment of a computerized data base of regional scientific and educational activities for the benefit of all students and researchers in the area, with a view to connecting the institutions and groups active in research and education.



ive in research and education.

Why Build a Synchrotron Facility?

- International collaboration is obvious way for countries with relatively small scientific communities and/or limited science budgets to build a synchrotron-light source.
- Broad programs make synchrotron-light sources ideal facilities for building scientific capacity.
- SESAME will be a user facility: scientists will typically go to SESAME two or three times a year for a week or two to carry out experiments, in collaboration with scientists from other institutions/countries.



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Herman Winick

1997: building a light source in the Middle East using the decommissioned Berlin Synchrotron, BESSY

The origins of SESAME



Sergio Fubini

Eliezer Rabinovici Herwig Schopper



Gustav Voss



Herman Winick



Isa Khubeis

SESAME Location



SESAME as a **Project**



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

SESAME is a cooperative venture by scientists and governments of the region set up on the model of CERN
(European Organization for Nuclear Research) although it has very different scientific aims.

It was developed under the auspices of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) following the formal approval given for this by the Organization's Executive Board (164th session, May 2002).

SESAME Members and Observers



Members:

Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Turkey

Observers:

Brazil, Canada, CERN, China, EU, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK and USA

CESSAMag

Magnets designed at SESAME, procured by SESAME/CERN EC FP7 project CESSAMag QA/QC at ALBA (Spain) and at CERN



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SESAME received much support from non-members. Examples are...

HESEB Beamline (DE)

Solar Power Plant (EU)

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Sergio Fubini Guest House (IT)

The boat at Hamburg harbor on its way to Aqaba, Jordan, with BESSY I on board; June 7, 2002 (DE)

Materials Science Beamline (CH)

XAFS/XRF Monochromator (UK)

The four RF Cavities (IT)



His Majesty King Abdullah II following the opening of SESAME, flanked by Heads of the delegations of the SESAME Members and Directors of International Organisations that have supported SESAME. To the King's left, HRH Princess Sumaya of Jordan, who headed the Jordanian delegation, and Fabiola Gianotti, Director General of CERN; to the right, Irena Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Rolf Heuer, President of SESAME Council

6.5 MW Solar Power Plant Financed by EU

Average Annual Production: 11.57 GWh CO₂ Saved: -7,104 Ton

SESAME Energy Balance

MAX Peak Load: 2.1MW Average Annual Consumption: 9.7GWh CO₂ Saved: - 5,955 Ton



Cooling System: 542kWh

Storage Ring Magnets: 521kWh

Main RF System: 480kWh

SESAME Main Building: 100kWh

Injector (Microtron & Booster): 62.5kWh



he Status of SESAME

3rd generation light source
2.5 GeV
133 meters circumference
5 operational beamlines

70 international staff

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	SR parameter	Value
	Energy	2.5 GeV
	Circumference	133 m
\downarrow	Emittance	26 nmrad
	Current	300 mA
	RF frequency	500 MHz
	# cavities	4
	Long straits	8 (4 m)
X	Short streights	8 (2 m)





Five Beamlines are in Operation





ID09 – MS/XPD Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction



ID10 – BEATS X-ray Tomography



ID11L – HESEB Soft X-ray Spectroscopy

One Beamline under Construction



1. BM02 - IR <u>SESAME's First Fully Designed Beamline</u> in collaboration with the French Synchrotron, SOLEIL



1. BM02 - IR cont.





2022: New Microscope and Spectrometer installed in the Experimental Hutch as part of INFN-CHNet.



First Publication from the IR Beamline in Feb. 2020

Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis 184 (2020) 113186



Investigating the molecular structure of placenta and plasma in pre-eclampsia by infrared microspectroscopy



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"Analysis of Ancient Mummified Human Head Skin Using SR-IR Microspectroscopy"





Despina Moissidou (Greece), Hayley Derricott (UK), Barts and the London Medical School (Malta)



2. BM08 - XAFS/XRF

The XAFS/XRF beamline is the first operational beamline at SESAME, and it has been open for external users since <u>July 2018</u>.



Ozensoy's team during a beamtime campaign (group of PhD students) from Bilkent University

Dr. Murat Osman Ozkendir and his MSc. student from Mersin University while changing samples

First Scientific Paper Published in June 2019 in a High Impact Factor Journal (11.6)

Applied Catalysis B: Environmental 256 (2019) 117808



Exceptionally active and stable catalysts for CO₂ reforming of glycerol to syngas



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3. ID09 - Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction

3. ID09 - Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction cont.



January 2019 - Wiggler source before installation and commissioning

3. ID09 - Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction cont.



3. ID09 - Materials Science X-ray Powder Diffraction cont.



Spring-summer 2020: Diffractometer refurbishment and installation

- Adding XY sample stage
- Extending 2Theta (detector) arm
- Adding capillary spinner
- Adding 2Theta encoder
- Pre slits
- I₀ ionization chamber
- Filter
- Sample environment (High and Low T)

External table support for more stability





Oct. 22, 2020 First diffraction pattern measured Silicon standard @ 8 keV





RSS research team (from left to right: Ala'a Al- Ghourani and Kyle Cordova) with Mahmoud Abdellatief from SESAME at the MS beamline control hutch. Dec. 17, 2020: MS hosts its first users, a team from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) for a research focused on the structural properties of novel highly-porous materials for use in mitigating the effects of climate change.





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Robust Barium Phosphonate Metal–Organic Frameworks Synthesized under Aqueous Conditions

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OPEN ACCESS



Harvesting of aerial humidity with natural hygroscopic salt excretions

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4. ID10 - Beamline for Tomography at SESAME (BEATS)

- The project is an H2020-EU funded project of €6.0 million to pave the way for an efficient and sustainable operation of SESAME.
- Led by the ESRF, the European synchrotron (France), BEATS involves leading research facilities in the Middle East (SESAME and the Cyprus Institute), and European synchrotron radiation facilities ALBA-CELLS (Spain), DESY (Germany), the ESRF (France), Elettra (Italy), INFN (Italy), PSI (Switzerland), SESAME (Jordan) and SOLARIS (Poland).
- Aimed at serving user communities in the region, in particular the cultural heritage and archaeology communities. It is an obvious advantage for these communities to be able to access a state-of-the-art beamline close to the source of samples or remains to be analyzed.



4. ID10 - BEATS cont.



4. ID10 - BEATS cont.

BEATS X-Ray source 3-pole wiggler

- Minimum gap: 11 mm Maximum field: 2.92 T Magnetic length: 0.41 m •
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Longest beamline in SESAME, required building modifications





Hutches installation completed Feb. 2022







AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2022 shutdown ID and front-end installation



December 2022 / January 2023 Double Multilayer Monochromator (DMM) installed and under vacuum



BEATS experimental station Sample and detectors stage





- Micos air-bearing rotator for samples up to 5 kg
- Support for 2 detectors
- 1st eigenmode of granite stage maximized to minimize the effect of vibrations on the detectors





BEATS - Sample environment for in-situ studies Sample furnace – Induction heating

- Design optimization:
 - Crucible architecture
 - Temperature control and convection regime around sample
 - Isolation of slip ring and sensitive equipment
 - Simulate different sample materials and sizes
 - Predict cooling flow rate for experiments at the beamline



[F. Mokoena, M.Sc. thesis]



Fortune Mokoena





BEATS scientific case











• Sample: human bone (implant);



BEATS: Comparison BEATS – PSI TOMCAT



11 February 2023 – First users at BEATS

Bilkent University UNAM (National Nanotechnology Research Center), Ankara, Türkiye

- Dr. Ali Karatutlu (Principal Investigator)
- Dr. Bülend Örtaç
- Ms. Zehra Gizem Mutlay (PhD Student)

Nanotechnology, Fiber laser research



The measurements lasted three days, resulting in almost 500 Gigabytes of data, containing 3D pictures of different samples with a voxel size of 650 nanometers. These images provide insights into the manufacturing and applications of polarization-maintaining fiber glass products.







Absorption edge sensitive tomography $\mathsf{Pb}_3\mathsf{O}_4$ and HgS

Proposal # 20235045 (Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung Berlin, HZB, FU) Heinz-Eberhard Mahnke et al., Gianluca Iori, Philipp Hans

5. ID11L - HESEB (Helmholtz-SESAME Beamline)

On 25th of October 2018, SESAME hosted a delegation from the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers consisting of 43 persons. It was headed by Professor Otmar Wiestler, President of the Association.

During the visit, Otmar Wiestler informed SESAME that five research centers of the Helmholtz Association will be taking part in construction of a soft X-ray beamline for SESAME under the leadership of DESY (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron). This is another one of SESAME's Phase I beamlines.

The five research centers are:

- DESY (Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron)
- FZJ (Forschungszentrum Jülich)
- HZB (Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin)
- HZDR (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf)
- KIT (Karlsruher Institut f
 ür Technologie)

A complete undulator beamline with monochromator and refocusing optics and a small chamber to conduct absorption and fluorescence yield experiments. The capital value of this beamline is €3.5 million

 Flux, 2.5 GeV, 400 mA

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ID-Chamber produced at SAES / IT now at SESAME

Covers the core edges:

- Si L-edge—semiconductors
- C-, N-, O- Kedge Organics catalysis
- TM-L-edges magnetics
- RE 3d edges magnetics
- Al- K-edge, Si-K-edge

In a nutshell:

- ID chamber, tapered chambers
- Refurbishment of UE56 at HZB
- Training visit of 4 SESAME staff to HZB in August 2021
- Installed at SESAME in April 2022

HZB - Undulator UE56 (APPLE II) with variable polarization

Optics concept /parameters



Parameter	Value
Undulator	UE56, APPLE II, Length: 1,7m, Period: 56mm
Polarization modes	Linear / circular
E_Photon range	~90 – 2000 eV
Photon flux on sample	1E12 1/s
Monochromator	Collimated plane-grating monochromator PGM (BESSY design)
Spot size on sample	180 (h) x 25 (v) um
Branches	Two: • Absorption chamber • TXPES







January 2022: Installation of the Beamline and the Front End



January 2022: Final Stage of Installation



January 2022: Beamline Leak Test + Controls Tuning

- Design led by W. Eberhardt / M. Genisel
- Absorption, CMXD and fluorescence yield studies
- Manipulator arm with sample transfer heating/cooling (FZ Jülich)
- Assembly for focussing capillary (TU-Berlin) has been designed and built

2D-mapping of surfaces with 20 μm spatial resolution UHV---up to pressures of 1 atmosphere (He)



HESEB Experimental Chamber



June 8, 2022: First Beam in HESEB Beamline

- H.E. Prof. Wajih Owais, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Jordan
- Professor Otmar Wiestler, President of the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres
- H.E. Mr. Bernhard Kampmann, Ambassador of Germany to Jordan



June 12, 2022: Official Inauguration

ovative X-ray Technol



Characterisation and Conservation of Paintings on Walls and

Sculpture from Nabataean Petra

- B. Kanngiesser and M. Naes
- Analytical Investigations of wall paintings and sculpture: in-situ and ex-situ; organic and inorganic, non-invasive & ND
- Development of experimental conservation material for gold: synthesis, characterisation, validation,



HESEB User community building

In the original proposal we prepared/planned various teaming/twinning actions for 2020, incl. a major workshop in March 2020 in Turkey

However, had to cancel all this due to SARS-CoV2

In 2020/2021 several HESEB online seminars/ workshops were organized

We also make use of synergies with BEATS, i.e. close coordination, joint events, such as discussions on a joint workshop on archaeology / cultural heritage and on a dedicated event to target Palestine



 \Rightarrow Online-Workshop on 16th November 2021 – 10⁰⁰ to 13⁰⁰ (EET) resp. 9⁰⁰ to 12⁰⁰ (CET)



12 February 2023 – First users at HESEB

A collaboration among Jordanian Universities:

- Dr. Yusuf Selim Ocak (Institute of Nanotechnology, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Principal Investigator)
- Dr. Borhan Aldeen Albiss (Institute of Nanotechnology, Jordan University of Science and Technology)
- Dr. Bashar Aljawrneh (Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan)

Using the HESEB beamline to study the electronic structure of samples and investigate the effects of dopants on semiconductor thin films. Data collected in three days from 9 samples at the absorption edges of O, Co, Ni, and Cu

New Beamline Initiatives 6. TXPES



Complementarity of TXPES & HESEB Beamlines



6. TXPES X-ray Optics Design



Courtesy of: Baris Yildirimdemir (TARLA) <u>byildirimdemir@tarla.org.tr</u> Also thanks to HESEB team and Rolf Follath

6. TXPES X-ray Optics Branch-line Design Review Committee

TXPES X-ray Optics Branchline Design Review Committee Members:

- Raymond Barret: ESRF, X-ray Optics Group Leader Instrumentation Services and Developmen Division
- Kawal Sawhney: *Diamond*, Head of the X-ray Optics and Metrology group
- Jessica McChesney: Argonne National Lab, X-ray Science Division









6. TXPES End Station Components: Chamber



ID11 right – TXPES

 Toroidal optics delivered. Only missing component: Energy (VD) Slit blades

Shipping expected February 2025.

Focusing Mirror Gate • Initial tests of all components were completed Chamber Vertically valve • Energy (VD) Slit tests were done with dummy blades Defining Sit Chamber Horizontally • Leak Tests were completed. lon Defining Sit Gate Run lon Chamber Valve • System is ready for FAT Pump lon Gate Pump lon Valve Gate Pump Valve TARLA KOÇ UNIVERSITY TENMAK and the second se

ID11 right – TXPES General Status of TXPES Beam Transport



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ID11 right – TXPES End Station Manufacturing & Installation



Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT)

- FAT of the XPS end station were completed between May 28-June 1, 2024 at the SPECS headquarters in Berlin, Germany.
- FAT tests were carried out along with:
- Assoc. Prof. Sarp Kaya (Koc Univ., Istanbul)
- Dr. Zeynep Ozturk (SESAME)
- Dr. Mustafa Fatih Genisel (SESAME)
- Dr. Omer Kantoglu (TENMAK)
- Dr. Gencay Gundogdu (SESAME)
- After completion of FAT, end station was disassembled for shipment to SESAME.



ID11 right – TXPES End Station Manufacturing & Installation

SPECS & TENMAK Staff Comes to SESAME For Installation on September 23, 2024







SPECS & TENMAK Staff Comes to SESAME For Installation on September, 2024


ID11 right – TXPES End Station Site Acceptance Test December 2024



SPECS technical staff poses near the newly installed experimental chamber together with representatives of the TXPES project and SESAME staff.

New Beamline Initiatives 7. Crystallography 8. SAXS

A flexible crystallography beamline with capabilities for macromolecular crystallography in the Middle East would allow increasing the SR community, while also facilitating experiments in the medical and pharmaceutical fields in the region and beyond.

A SAXS beamline would significantly empower Middle Eastern and African scientific communities by enabling cutting-edge research, especially for biological structures and processes.

Together, these two instruments would represent a key asset in advancing healthcare solutions, pharmaceutical developments, and interdisciplinary collaboration across the region.



Guest-House Inauguration on December 4, 2019



SESAME Guest-House was funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research through INFN (total of 1.75 M Euro). The Guest-House includes a canteen, large meeting room and 48 Guestrooms.

Guest-House Funding

Project Information		
Funded by	Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research through INFN	
Donation	1.75 million Euro	
Actual Cost	2.095 million Euro	
Consultants	Integra A.E.S Roma-Italy Consolidated Consultants Group (CC) Amman – Jordan	
Construction Completion	15-5-2019	
Testing & Commissioning	1-7-2019	
Inauguration	4-12-2019 76	

Guest-House Meeting Rooms



Solar Power Plant: Current Status



Financial Impact

Start Date of Operation	February 28 th , 2019
Total Initial Investment	7,143,938 US\$
Lifetime of the PV system	20 years
Peak Monthly Bill Prior to Solar Plant (Oct. 2023)	452,617 US\$
Average Monthly Bill (Including Wheeling) Present	30,000 US\$
Pay Back Period	2 Years
79 CO ₂ Reduction:	~ 7,000 ton/year

Comparison Chart of 2022-2023



SPP Data 2019-2024

Year	Production, kWh	Consumption Power, kw	Cost, US\$		Savings.	Saved
			With SPP	Without SPP	US\$	CO ₂ , Ton
2019	9,541,970	7,127,380	112,041	2,677,801	2,565,760	6,233
2020	9,318,793	5,676,520	108,182	2,132,704	2,024,522	6,087
2021	11,529,373	9,726,160	137,238	3,654,179	3,516,941	7,531
2022	10,812,209	8,318,220	127,778	3,125,207	2,997,429	7,062
2023	10,747,999	10,743,270	295,274	4,036,313	3,741,039	7,021
2024 Jan-Sep	8,211,784	8,232,740	264,475	3,093,092	2,828,616	3,163
Total	64,002,263	49,824,290	1,044,989	18,719,295	17,674,306	37,096

1038 proposals



SESAME Proposal Review Committee

Samar HASNAIN (Chair), University of Liverpool, UK

Archaeological and Heritage Sciences		
Mariangela CESTELLI GUIDI (coordinator)	INFN, Italy	
Francois FAUTH	ALBA Synchrotron, Spain	
Caroline JACKSON	University of Sheffield, UK	
Costanza MILIANI	CNR, Italy	

Life Sciences		
Michel HOUGH	Diamond Light Source, UK	
Christophe SANDT	Synchrotron SOLEIL, France	
Zehra SAYERS	Sabancı University, Turkey	
Lisa VACCARI (coordinator)	Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste, Italy	

Chemical Sciences		
Sofia DIAZ-MORENO (coordinator)	Diamond Light Source, UK	
Thomas ELLIS	University of Saskatchewan, Canada	
Antonella GLISENTI	Univertity of Padova, Italy	
Sarp KAYA	Koç University, Turkey	

Materials and Physical Sciences		
Muhammad Javed AKHTAR	PINSTECH, Pakistan	
Andrew FITCH (coordinator)	ESRF, France	
Bruce RAVEL	NIST and NSLS II, USA	
Brian ROSEN	Tel Aviv University, Israel	

523 proposals approved





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peer-review publications until March 2025

Average IF > 5
20% of publications have IF > 7

6-7/5/2023 SESAME 18th Users' Meeting, the first after COVID

















Vision

A world where European science is a catalyst for solving global challenges, a key driver for competitveness and a compelling force for closer integration and peace through scientific collaboration.

Mission

LEAPS will use the power of its combined voice to ensure that member light source facilities continue to be world leading, to act as a powerful tool for the development and integration of skills with a view to address 21st century global challenges, and to consolidate Europe's leadership in the field.

> 5 Nobel Prizes directly linked to our research infrastructures

Over 23 400 unique articles published in peer reviewed journals in the last 5 years from diverse fields of science, making Europe a world leader in research

More than 24 000 direct users and a wider network of over 35 000 researchers



LEAPS: the League of European Accelerator-based Photon Sources groups the major "Photon Factories" in Europe

In November 2018, SESAME become the 1st Associate Member of LEAPS



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SESAME'S UPGRADING NETWORK FOR SCIENTIFIC USER TRAINING AND OUTREACH INTO THE NEXT ERA

Special call: "Strengthening the international dimension of ESFRI and/or ERIC research infrastructures - consolidating the SESAME facility"

- Coordinator: ESRF
- Budget: 1.5M€, of which 1.0M€ to SESAME (staff, other costs, overheads)
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funds from State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (PSI)

- Project duration: 42 months
- Beneficiaries (as named in the EC call): ALBA, CYI, DESY, ELETTRA, ESRF, INFN, SESAME and SOLEIL; and PSI as Associate
- Start 01 June 2024

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Project management, communication, dissemination and exploitation

LEAD: ESRF with co-leader SESAME

Foster SESAME sustainability

LEAD: PSI with co-leaders DESY and SESAME

SESAME as a training centre

LEAD: SOLEIL with co-leader INFN

Strengthen SESAME user services

LEAD: ALBA-CELL, with co-leader Elettra



Outlook

SESAME is open and produces world-class science

SESAME is an internationally well-connected facility

Challenges: securing remaining capital, attracting new members, managing financial disparities.

Travel restrictions and political tensions present ongoing issues.

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Thank you



